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Appl. No.: 09/880,826

REMARKS

Specification

In paragraph 1, the Examiner suggested that the specification be reviewed and idiomatic and grammatical errors be addressed. Applicant has reviewed the specification and, by way of the above amendment, made idiomatic and grammatical changes. In addition, paragraph headings were added. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observation.

Claim Objections

In paragraph 2, the Examiner objected to the alternative use of "and/or" and further indicated that the "or" alternative was the basis for the examination. By way of the above amendment, claim 2 has been amended to remove the alternative usage and be replaced by the term "or". New claims 21-33 were added to account for use of the term "and". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

In paragraph 3, the Examiner indicated that claims 5-8, 10-14, 19 and 20 were objected to for improper form, namely a multiple dependent claim depending from another multiple dependent claim. By way of the above amendment, the multiple dependencies have been removed from the claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 5, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-4, 9 and 15-17 are allowed. Applicants note this with appreciation.

In paragraph 6, the Examiner indicated that the aforementioned objections must be addressed so as to fulfill the conditions for allowance. By way of the above amendments, Applicant believes such conditions have been met. Accordingly, an indication of allowance is requested.

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Conclusion

No new matter has been added. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for any reason which would expedite handling of this application.

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Applicant understands that with the Revised Amendment Format, the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 are waived. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

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